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In re application of: Phadnis et al

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Reducing Overhead When Setting Up Multiple Virtual Circuits Using

Signaling Protocols

Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 18 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.